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TO : Chief, Intelligence School

DATE: 1 October 1957

FROM : OTR Orientation Officer

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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #40
25 September to 1 October 1957

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SPECIAL BRIEFINGDEPENDENTS BRIEFING

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1. [] persons are now scheduled to attend an abbreviated Dependents Briefing on 1 October. As of a few hours before the start of the program only one person had been scheduled. The perennial problem of getting the dependents to the briefing is with us again.

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2. At the request of the OTR Orientation Officer, [] of the CI Staff, an important contributor to the Dependents Briefing, will speak to the personnel officers in the divisions of the importance attached to this program by the CI Staff.

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3. A meeting was held on 26 September with [] to discuss the DDP Training Officer's memorandum in reply to the DTR's suggestion for an expanded Dependents Briefing. It was agreed that the suggestion that area medical brochures be prepared was a good one, but that these should be supplementary to and not in lieu of medical briefings. It was also agreed that the next step in pressing for the expanded program should be taken by the DDS vis-à-vis the DDP. The DDP training officers had no opposition on the merits to the proposal. Their concern was with the difficulty of getting people to come to it. As can be seen above, this is no idle concern. If we cannot get the dependents to come for a 6 hour program we only compound the difficulty by making it a 12 hour program, unless an entirely new approach is taken.

4. It may be that attendance by dependents at such a program cannot be made mandatory. The alternative, however, is not the

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haphazard scheduling that takes place now. For example, the husband could be made to take affirmative action to waive attendance by his wife at the briefing. The dependent would be automatically scheduled unless the husband asked, for good reasons, that her attendance be waived by

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5. It has also been suggested that evening sessions might be profitably conducted. In this way, those wives who are not able to attend now because they are tied down with small children would be freed to attend in the evening when their husbands are home.

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CIA INTRODUCTION

On 30 September this program was conducted for [] persons.

ADMINISTRATION

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A lengthy and profitable discussion was held with [] C/VAS/ISB, outlining the need for certain visual aids now and in the near future. Work has already begun on the most pressing needs.

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